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cox graae + spack architects facilitated this concept review meeting #1 to gather input from PPC members on 6 site plan options for the Suitland campus. Pros and cons for each concept were discussed.

1. **Option A:** Modernization, renovations and additions.

The north end of comprehensive high school gets demolished and a new addition added in its place. The remainder of the comprehensive high school will get modernized. Temporary structures at the annex get demolished and new additions are added to the main building. CTE gets modernized. Drew Freeman get new additions and a modernization.

Pros:

- More formal relationship between buildings
- Addition of a quad

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- Park-like circulation
- Good location for stadium
- High School is in front of other buildings
- Larger auditorium is retained
- 2 main green spaces

Cons:

- Buildings are in the same location
- Significant distance remains between CHS and CVPA
- Stadium parking can't be used easily during school day

Questions on Option A:

- Where is the bus parking?
- Where is parking for the auditorium?
- Are there opportunities for multiple entries to the site?

2. **Option B:** Modernization, renovations and additions.

The north end of the comprehensive high school gets demolished and a large addition added in its place. The comprehensive high school will be located in this addition. The remainder of comprehensive high school gets a modernization and additions. CVPA will be relocated to this newly renovated portion of the high school building. Some programs (gym, cafeteria and gathering spaces) will be shared between CVP and comprehensive high school. Annex building and temporary structures are demolished. CTE gets modernized. Drew Freeman get new additions and a modernization.

Pros:

- High school is central to the plan
- Two main green spaces
- Extra practice field
- Parking is in the back
- Everything is centralized and closer together

Cons:

- Combined building may not be good for marketing/identity for CVPA
- Lack of parking in the front
- Large parking area at northeast corner of site is hard to access

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- Parking (bus parking) is problematic in general
- Only one point of site access off Silver Hill Road?? Access to Drew Freeman pkg from Brooks Drive, which is connected to main drive

3. **Option C:** Modernization, renovations and additions.

The comprehensive high school is completely demolished and a new high school is constructed closer to the annex building. Temporary structures at the annex get demolished and new additions are added to the main building. CTE gets modernized. Drew Freeman gets new additions and a modernization.

Pros:

- CVPA still separate from comprehensive high school, but is now closer
- Better access on/off Silver Hill Road

Cons:

- Campus is pushed far back from Silver Hill Road and wont be as visible
- Possible security issues at the back of campus
- Site needs more entrances
- CTE isn't connected to the comprehensive high school
- Entrances to buildings don't relate

Questions on Option C:

- Is access from Brooks Drive possible?

4. **Option 1:** Modernizations and renovations to Drew Freeman. The remainder of existing structures will be demolished and replaced with new structures.

A new comprehensive high school, CVPA and CTE are centered in the site. The comprehensive high school is to the north, CVPA at the south (fronting Silver Hill Road) and CTE to the east. Drew Freeman get new additions and a modernization. The main field is at the back of the site.

Pros:

- All the buildings (except Drew Freeman) are new
- Good parking for the field
- Multiple athletic activities can happen at once
- Balanced plan – Buildings are in the middle but not touching

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- Opportunity for public art

Cons:

- Most people come to the site for the comprehensive high school so if CVPA is in front it could be confusing
- CTE is a part of the high school so this amount of separation may be an issues
- High school is at the back
- Athletic spaces too far apart
- No clear area for bus loading
- Parking at the field is isolated

Questions on Option 1:

- Can bus pick up be separate from car pick up?
- Where is teacher parking?
- Can bus pick up be between the high school and CVPA?

5. **Option 2:** Modernizations and renovations to Drew Freeman. The remainder of existing structures will be demolished and replaced with new structures. New comprehensive high school and CTE are connected and toward the back of site. CVPA is at the southern portion of the site (fronting Silver Hill Road). Drew Freeman gets new additions and a modernization. The main field is at the eastern portion of the site near Pennsylvania Avenue.

Pros:

- CTE connected to high school
- Quad space can be programmed for both CVPA and high school
- Good parking arrangement
- Football field in good location

Cons:

- None

Questions on Option 2:

- Where is bus parking?

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6. **Option 3:** Modernizations and renovations to Drew Freeman. The remainder of existing structures will be demolished and replaced with new structures.

A new comprehensive high school, CTE and middle school building are centered in the site. CTE is to the north, the comprehensive high school is at the south (fronting Silver Hill Road) and the middle school program is in a new building at the eastern portion of the site. CVPA is relocated to the Drew Freeman building with additions and modernization. The field is located at the back of the site with an adjacent parking area.

Pros:

- Love this one
- More accessible from multiple areas
- More organic and horizontal
- Allows more activities at one time
- Fresh start for Drew Freeman
- CVPA close to main road and more accessible to visitors

Cons:

- Middle school kids will have to cross traffic
- Middle school has less access to field
- Middle school may lose identity
- Parking far from HS entrance

Questions on Option 3:

- How can high school and middle school play areas be separated?
- How will this scheme fit with the middle school modernization schedule already planned?

cg+s closed the meeting with a review of the project schedule. The next meeting is scheduled for August 21th, 2018 and will be the second review of the design concepts.

End of Minutes